



PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Kazuo HOKKIRIGAWA et al

For: CERAMIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME,
AND FORMED PRODUCT THEREOF

Serial No.: 10/073 753 Group: 1755

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AND
PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Rules 1.97(c)(1) and 1.98, Applicants respectfully petition for consideration of the prior art enclosed herewith and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A check is enclosed which includes the Rule 1.97(c)(2) fee of \$180.00.

The relevance of the enclosed references is explained in the European Search Report enclosed herewith. Further comment at this point in time should not be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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